

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A door checker for an automobile, comprising: a case secured to one of a body of an automobile and a door pivotally supported on said body for turning movement; a check plate which movably extends through said case to be connected to the other of said body and said door and which is provided in its opposite sides with ball guide grooves extending in a lengthwise direction; a pair of ball holders accommodated in said case and capable of advancing and retracting toward and away from the opposite sides of said check plate; a pair of balls which are retained in hemispherical ball housings formed in said ball holders and which are rollably engaged in said ball guide grooves; and a check spring for biasing said ball holders toward said check plate,

wherein a recess for retaining a grease on an inner surface of each of said ball housings and for accommodating a dust therein is formed in the inner surface of each of said ball housings.

2. A door checker for an automobile according to claim 1, wherein said recess has at least portions extending in the lengthwise direction of said ball guide groove through the center of the inner surface of said ball housing.

3. A door checker for an automobile according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said recess is formed so that its outer end is closed by contact portions between said ball and an inner peripheral surface of said ball housing.